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## Minden Hills fastest growing township

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Minden Hills is growing faster than other townships in Haliburton County, according to data from the 2016 census that was released last week.

On Feb. 8, Statistics Canada released information on population and dwellings from the census.

It shows that between 2011 and 2016, the year-round population of Minden Hills increased from 5,655 people to 6,088, an increase of 7.7 per cent.

In Algonquin Highlands, the population grew from 2,186 to 2,351, an increase of 7.5 per cent and in Dysart et al, from 5,966 to 6,280, for an increase of 5.3 per cent.

Highlands East saw the smallest amount of growth, an increase of 2.9 per cent, from 3,249 year-round residents to 3,343.

Overall, the county's year-round population grew by 5.6 per cent, from 17,056 people in 2011 to just more than 18,000 year-round residents.

Minden Hills has the highest population

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### Valentine's celebration at ASES

Archie Stouffer Elementary School principal Jane Austin dances with Grade 2 student Payton McRae during a Valentine's dance for the kindergarten to Grade 3 students on Feb. 14 in the gymnasium. Students and faculty were encouraged to dress in pink and red with hearts for Valentine's Day. DARREN LUM Staff

## MH flies flag policy up the pole

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

Minden Hills council is considering the creation of a policy for the flying of flags, and their lowering to half-mast, at municipal properties.

Councillors received a report and draft

policy from environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram during a Feb. 9 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Minden Hills occasionally receives requests for flags of various organizations to be flown outside the municipal office on Milne Street.

"We don't have any protocol for that, as such," Ingram told councillors.

Council has traditionally granted requests from organizations asking that flags be flown outside the township office, typically for a period of one week.

A Terry Fox flag flies each year, for example, and last year, the pride flag was flown outside the Minden Hills office for the first time.

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# Policy to dictate half-masting of flags

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The draft policy requires that organizations make a request to the township a minimum of eight weeks before the date on which they'd like their flag to fly. It gives council the authority to decide which flags will be flown.

Many municipalities have policies governing when township flags will be flown at half-mast.

The draft policy suggested the half-masting of township flags upon the death of a member of the royal family; the governor general; the prime minister; a former governor general; a former prime minister; a federal cabinet minister; a lieutenant governor; the premier or other provincial dignitary; an MP or MPP; Minden Hills councillors or staff members; a member of Haliburton County council; or a police officer, firefighter or paramedic killed in the line of duty.

It's recommended the flags fly at half-mast for three days.

"We had a staff member die in December," Ingram said of a roads department employee who passed away this winter, adding there was some issue over whether the township flags should be flown at half-mast following his death.

Councillors seem to agree that in cases of sudden tragedies, it would be best to leave the decision to lower flags to half-mast up to the clerk.

"As much as possible, I'd like to see the subjective element removed from it," said Reeve Brent Devolin. "It's a very delicate situation to have to make the decision."

Some townships also fly their flags at half-mast on certain days of the year – Workers' Mourning Day, National Day of Remembrance for Victims of Terrorism, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, etc.

"These are considerations, not everybody does it," Ingram said.

Some municipal sites such as the township office and community centre have two flag poles, while others, such as the Village Green and Lochlin hall, have one.

As Ingram explained, in cases where there is just one flag pole, the Canadian flag is always flown.

At the Minden Hills township office, the municipal flag flies alongside the national one. It is the municipal flag that is taken down when organizational flags are flown.

With one flag per pole permitted to fly, Ingram said council may want to consider the purchase of an additional flag pole at the office.

Ward 3 Councillor Jean Neville said there had been a request for a flag pole to be purchased for the Irondale Community Centre.

With costs ranging between about \$1,500 and \$2,000 per pole, Ingram suggested that if council was interested in purchasing new poles, it wait and build those costs into next year's budget.

"They're not cheap and it's probably cheaper to buy in bulk," he said.

When a flag becomes unfit for flying, legislation demands that it be disposed of by burning.

## County population up 5.6 per cent since 2011

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density of the county's four lower-tier townships, an average of 6.9 people per square kilometre.

The population density in Highlands East is 4.7 people per square kilometre, 4.2 in Dysart and 2.3 in Algonquin Highlands.

By comparison, the population density of Toronto is just short of 900 people per square kilometre.

There are 7,083 dwelling in Dysart, about 2,890 year-round; 6,092 in Minden Hills, 2,830 of them year-round; about 3,450 residences in Algonquin Highlands with 1,100 of them year-round; and Highlands East has 4,485 dwellings, 1,611 of them occupied on a year-round basis.

For Haliburton County as a whole, there are just more than 21,100 dwellings, about 8,440 of them year-round.

The census showed that the western provinces have been the fastest growing in terms of population during the past five years and that Canada's population has increased from 33.4 million to more than 35 million, a jump of five per cent. About two thirds of that growth comes from immigration.

More information from the census is scheduled to be released throughout 2017.

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# Shoreline road allowances likely to increase in price in MH

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
Times Staff

*The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Feb. 9 Minden Hills committee-of-the-whole meeting.*

Minden Hills' planner is recommending an increase in fees the township charges for the purchase of shoreline road allowances.

The current total cash deposit is \$1,500 – including a non-refundable \$500 administration fee and a partial purchase price for the first 150 feet of frontage at \$750, or \$5 per foot.

Each additional foot has been sold at a cost of \$2.

The proposed changes would bring the total cash deposit to \$5,250, increasing the partial purchase price for the first 150 feet to \$4,500, or \$30 per foot, with the cost for each additional foot increased to \$20.

The \$500 administration fee would remain the same.

"We are no longer consistent with surrounding municipalities," planner Ian Clendening told councillors, adding the new proposed fees more accurately reflected the value of waterfront property. "We are disposing of municipal lands. This is an exhaustible resource. That money will have to be made up (once shoreline road allowances are all sold off)."

The township makes about \$15,000 a year through the sale of unopened shoreline road allowances, but using averaged information from other townships, Clendening's report suggested the value of these road allowance sales should be closer to \$75,000.

Councillors requested more information and Reeve Brent Devolin said he'd be interested in hearing input from the planning community.

## Sustainable builder looks to set up shop

There was a public meeting for amendments to the township's official plan that would allow for fabrication and sales of energy-efficient buildings known as passive homes, as well as a teaching facility, off of Peck Street near Bobcaygeon Road.

The building the business would utilize is the former Keaney Chrysler building, most recently the home of Minden CarQuest.

There was a public open house dealing with the project on Jan. 24 and while some residents have expressed concern over noise and traffic, the new owners say both noise and any trucks coming and going will be minimal.

"We are low-impact manufacturing that will use a typical wall saw and low pressure air-nailer, which is quieter than several impact guns used by mechanics," their submission reads. "Our trucking is very limited, as we will be receiving periodically materials in bulk. Shipping out our panels will be possible every two to three weeks. Trucks are present for a couple of hours and will be asked not to idle, as we have a no-idle zone on the property."

## Procedural bylaw changes

Councillors discussed making a number of tweaks to the

township's procedural bylaw, including amendments on delegations, petitions and communication regarding special meetings.

Wording changes regarding delegations would move back the timeframe, giving staff more time to review and receive clarification on delegation material, as well as include provisions around repeated delegations.

A new section will also specify how council deals with any petitions that may be received from the public.

Councillors seemed to agree that noon the day before a council meeting would be the latest they would receive a petition, in order to discuss its contents at that week's meeting.

"We sometimes need some consideration, to consider what they're saying," said Reeve Brent Devolin. "I think that strikes a balance."

Regarding special meetings of council, a subsection will be added that the clerk will make every reasonable attempt to notify the press when a special meeting is taking place.

## Strategic plan

Council will seek 50 per cent funding under the recently re-instated provincial RED (rural economic development) program, for the creation of a strategic or economic development plan for the township.

The previous Minden Hills council hired engineering firm AECOM to produce a village development master plan in 2013, which focused on the revitalization of downtown Minden.

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**Feb 23** – 9:00 am, Regular Council meeting, Minden Council Chambers  
**Mar 9** – 9:00 am, COTW meeting of Council, Minden Council Chambers

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**Please note:** Registrations will not be accepted after Friday March 31st

For more information please contact Elisha:  
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### NOTICE – ADOPTION OF 2017 BUDGET

Please take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills, during its Regular Meeting on February 23, 2017, will consider adopting the following:

- 2017 Budget for the Minden Cemetery Board,
- By-law for 2017 Minden Water Rates
- By-law for 2017 Minden Sewer Rates
- By-law for 2017 Lutterworth Water Rates
- 2017 Estimates By-law.

The Regular Council Meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or email [dnewhook@mindenhills.ca](mailto:dnewhook@mindenhills.ca)

### NOTICE – PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED FEE CHANGES

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a Public Meeting regarding proposed changes to its Fees and Charges By-law and Scale of Costs By-law on February 23, 2017 commencing at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

The proposed changes to the Fees and Charges By-Law will apply to the following items:

- Rental rate increase for minimum 4 hour rental from \$40.00 to \$48.00 and each additional hour from \$10/hr to \$12/hr for the use of the Lochlin Community Centre.
- Change in the Tipping fees for Compaction Trucks and Bins to a flat rate of \$35.00.

For more information please contact Ivan Ingram, Environmental and Property Operations Manager at [iingram@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iingram@mindenhills.ca) or 705-286-1260 ext. 216

The proposed changes to the Scale of Costs By-law are related to the administrative services provided for the Sale of Land for Tax Arrears and include increases to:

- costs incurred to commence tax sale proceedings, from \$200.00 to \$250.00;
- authorize Extension Agreements, from \$200.00 to \$250.00; and
- costs for Public Sale that include payment into and out of Court of Surplus funds, from \$400.00 to \$500.00.

For more information on these fees please contact Jane Leavis, Tax Collector and Payroll Administrator at [jleavis@mindenhills.ca](mailto:jleavis@mindenhills.ca) or 705-286-1260 ext. 201

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The Interim tax bill will be payable in two installments; March 24th and May 19th, 2017. This bill has been calculated using the 2016 annualized assessment multiplied by 50% of the 2016 applicable tax rate(s).

Payments received after February 13th may not be reflected on your tax bill. Please note that any overdue amounts do not include penalty/interest for March. Please contact our office for a current balance.

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Please note that if you use telephone or internet banking to pay your taxes, a separate account is required for each roll number. Your account is the 19 digit roll number found on your tax bill that starts with 4616. As we are now using automatic uploading of payment information, it is even more important that you use the correct account information. Any corrections due to incorrect account information will be charged a \$25.00 administration fee.

The Township will not be held responsible for any penalty or interest charges **resulting from inaccurate account information. Please ensure that you are using the correct 19 digit number, and that each tax account is paid separately.**

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**Council and Staff wish everyone a safe and happy Family Day Holiday**

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## A party for Parker

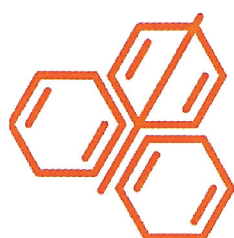
People packed the Minden Hills Community Centre the evening of Feb. 11 for a sold-out Valentine's dinner and dance that was a fundraiser for the family of Parker Simpson, an eight-year-old boy who sadly lost his battle with cancer just days before, on Feb. 8. Parker was the son of Sarah and Devin Simpson, Sarah (nee Burk) hailing from Haliburton County. Balloons were released into the sky later in the night.

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Chad Ingram



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Attendees peruse silent auction items during a Valentine's dinner and dance at the Minden Hills Community Centre Feb. 11. The event was a fundraiser for the family of eight-year old Parker Simpson, who tragically lost his battle with cancer just days before.



# MH sticks with 2014 voting method for 2018 election

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

In 2018, Minden Hills will see votes cast the same way they were during the 2014 election – that is, by paper ballot, telephone or Internet.

Internet and telephone voting was added as an option for the first time during the 2014 election and, as a report from the township clerk shows, had plenty of uptake.

"It was well-received," clerk Dawn Newhook told councillors as she presented the report during a Feb. 9 committee-of-the-whole meeting.

Seventy-four per cent of voters in the 2014 election voted by either telephone or Internet, 26 per cent by traditional, paper ballot.

Just more than 4,700 residents voted in

the last election, a voter turnout rate of approximately 42 per cent.

Newhook's report also showed that 106 voters in their 80s voted online, along with 12 people in their 90s and the township's sole voter aged 99 or older.

The cost for the 2014 election was about \$59,000 and according to the report, the same combination of paper ballots plus telephone and Internet voting will cost approximately \$63,000 in 2018.

The cost for just a telephone/Internet election would have been about \$50,000.

"There's not a lot of difference, adding the paper ballot onto it," Newhook said.

"I think it's important to have at least two options," said Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, adding that traditional, paper ballot needed to be one of them.

"To me, it's a small cost for democracy," said Reeve Brent Devolin.



## Early bird

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation board member and "ticket seller extraordinaire" Greta LaRivier, right, pulls out the winning ticket for the Cash for Care Lottery \$500 early bird draw on Feb. 10 at the Haliburton hospital. Haliburton's Bill Gliddon was the lucky winner. Tickets are already 70 per cent sold, with the next draw taking place on March 17. Three final draws for \$1,000, \$2,000 and \$20,000 are on May 26. To purchase tickets call 705-457-1580 or 705-286-1580. From left, HHHSF vice-president and chair of the Cash for Care campaign Lisa Tompkins, HHHS CEO Carolyn Plummer, HHHSF board director Murray Martin, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker (behind) and HHHSF board secretary/treasurer Carol Patrick (far right). ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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## Promises and lies

**P**RIME MINISTER Justin Trudeau has broken numerous election pledges since taking office, but the fracturing of a very clear promise to reform Canada's electoral system before the next election is perhaps the most egregious, because of the cynicism with which it so evidently reeks.

Trudeau's Liberal government began February by breaking one of the central promises of the campaign that swept them to power in October of 2015.

During the last federal election campaign, Trudeau promised the 2015 election would be the last to use the first-past-the-post system.

It was a black-and-white promise that was repeated in the speech from the Throne.

Then, early this month, Trudeau threw new Democratic

Institutions Minister Karina Gould out in front of the media to deliver the news the government would be abandoning that promise.

The news, while not shocking, brought to fruition a betrayal of hundreds of thousands of Canadians who cast ballots based on the electoral reform promise and who participated in the government's badly and intentionally flawed MyDemocracy.ca survey last year.

That survey – which asked precisely zero questions about what alternative voting methods Canadians might prefer – was cited by Gould as she told reporters, falsely, that there was no consensus from Canadians when it comes to changing the voting system.

While the questionnaire was intentionally murky, Canadians are smart enough that they managed to navigate a smokescreen, with 70

per cent responding they favour a system that makes multiple parties accountable for decisions, instead of one.

In other words, 70 per cent of respondents preferred some form of proportional representation, the method of voting used by most of the world's modern democracies in 2017.

Gould recently replaced embattled former minister Maryam Monsef who was shuffled to a new cabinet position in early January. Both women – the youngest members of cabinet, thrown to the dogs – were tasked

with the impossible chore of a portfolio where the Prime Minister had every intention of breaking a central election promise.

Trudeau showed cowardice earlier this month by putting Gould out in front of the press rather than confronting them himself about what appears to have been a lie.

Trudeau was called a liar by NDP MP Nathan Cullen, who said the Prime Minister had spit in the face of Canadians.

While a lying politician may be nothing new, the most disappointing part of this particular political dumpster fire is its immense cynicism. The immense cynicism of a leader who promised to be different than his predecessors, but is exactly like them. This is a dark move of self-preservation by one of Canada's two oldest federal parties, the only two to ever hold power.

And that cynicism is contagious. It diffuses out into the country.

"I'm afraid that people will not show up to vote at all," Green Party leader Elizabeth May said following the announcement. "That's the biggest risk."

**CHAD INGRAM**  
Reporter**Minden resident Guenter Horst captured this image of the moon on the night of Feb. 11.**

## Batter up

**T**HIS HAS BEEN one of my best ice fishing seasons – and not just because I haven't been able to make it out all that much either.

No, the reason is that I have caught trout one out of every two times I have been out.

If this were baseball, we would say I have a .500 hooking average or HA for short. And .500 is good in any sport.

I'm not sure why ice anglers have not yet adopted a baseball-like system for statistics but it seems to me that this would be a perfect addition to the sport.

It makes sense on so many levels.

Like baseball players, most ice anglers spend an awful lot of time sitting on the bench waiting for something exciting to happen. And when they are not on the bench they are either like pitchers in that they hope for a lot of strikes or like batters in that they want at least one good one over the plate.

I know this is preliminary, but let me suggest a few stats that might prove useful. I'm thinking HDA is where we should start. It stands for Hole Drilling Average which describes the percentage of times that an angler drills holes when he goes out with other anglers. This is possibly the most useful stat we could report upon. Anyone who has earned a .975 or better HDA can fish with me anytime. If you come in at under .200 don't even bother asking.

And that's the whole point of this.

Stats are essentially supposed to help someone unfamiliar with the competitor get a sense of what their strengths and weaknesses are. That's why the BES (Bring Extra Snacks) average is also highly instructive. Anyone with less than .100 BES isn't ever going to be on my team. We can't

have two players with the same weakness.

Ice Slipping Percentage (ISP) would go along with Hole Immersion Average (HEI) and MBSI (Minnow bucket step in) percentage so that you would know immediately if you were dealing with a clumsy angler, which is highly desirable on the slow days.

Of course, we'd have to include stats that are important to fishing too. Strike Percentage (SP) and Logs Hooked (LH) average immediately come to mind. Then there is the previously mentioned HA and

Tip Ups Missed (TUM) percentage. Oh, and it wouldn't hurt to have a Minnow Purchasing (MP) stat too. Plus, the two most telling stats BFP and EFSP – the former is Big Fish Percentage and the latter is Exaggerated Fish Size Percentage. You want to fish with an angler who has a high EFSP and low BFP.

There are probably more stats you could use to describe an ice fishing angler's characteristics but these are certainly a good start. If every ice angler had a card of him or herself that had these percentages on the back, it would be much easier to decide who you wanted to fish with. Plus we could trade them.

Then again, maybe it's best to keep stats right out of fishing and hunting altogether.

Stats, after all can be interpreted two ways, especially when the stat is near the middle of the range. Take my .500 hooked average, for example. Some angling arm-chair experts might say the glass is half empty. Others might say the glass is half full.

But the true experts – the guys that actually go out – would know that the contents are merely frozen.

**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# Reading to understand each other

**T**HE NUMBER OF CANADIANS WHO SAY THEY read books is continuing to drop. That's not good news because reading books is known to make us better informed citizens while increasing our understanding of others.

Booknet Canada reports that its surveying shows that the reading of print books dropped two per cent last year. EBook reading was down four per cent over the previous year, and audiobooks down two per cent.

Reading a book placed fourth when people were asked about their top leisure activities. No. 1, of course, was Internet browsing (39 per cent – down five per cent from the year before), followed by time with the family (34 per cent), watching TV (33 per cent). Reading was 21 per cent.

Seventy per cent of people surveyed said they rarely participate in a book club or a reading group. That number increased by six per cent over the previous year.

Sort-of-good-news comes from the United States. Gallup.com polling found that, despite all the digital diversions, the percentage of Americans reading books is roughly the same as 15 years ago. However, the number who say they read no books in the last year was 16 per cent, double the number from 1978 when Gallup first asked that question.



**JIM POLING SR.**  
From Shaman's Rock

These numbers confirm the feeling that the general depth of knowledge of North Americans is becoming more and more shallow. Too little time for much literate reading, and too much time on the Internet, where information abounds but too often in quick hit form.

Much of our reading these days is aimed at making us better worker bees, not necessarily more literate citizens.

You get a better idea of this when you look at political leaders. More and more of them appear to be people who accumulate knowledge in briefings and in reading reports and dossiers rather than books.

The most recent exception, of course, is Barack Obama, who told the *New York Times* last month that during his eight years as president, books allowed him to slow down and gain perspective.

"At a time when so much of our politics is trying to manage this clash of cultures brought about by globalization and technology and migration, the role of stories to unify — as opposed to divide, to engage rather than to marginalize — is more important than ever," he told the *Times*.

His successor, the worrisome Donald J. Trump, is the complete opposite. He has said he does not need to read books because he already knows a lot and because he has good business ability and common sense.

Another president, Lyndon Baines Johnson, once said: "A book is the most effective weapon against intolerance and ignorance."

Canadian leaders these days are not known as bibliophiles. Justin Trudeau was a substitute teacher for a while, but not much has been recorded about his reading habits, except that he does read mean tweets about himself. He does have a bachelor of arts degree in literature.

The best known connect between Stephen Harper, the former prime minister, and books is author Yann Martel who sent him a different book every two weeks. Why the best-selling novelist did that is not totally clear, except that Martel said politicians' reading habits matter because "in what they choose to read will be found what they think and what they will do."

Kevin O'Leary, the front-runner in the Conservative leadership race, and therefore a potential prime minister, has an interesting reading history. As a child in Montreal he had dyslexia, which left him struggling with reading and basic mathematics.

O'Leary was helped by an experimental class at McGill University. He went on to become a venture capitalist, and later a celebrity investor on the TV show *Shark Tank* and CBC's *Dragon's Den*. He has produced recommended reading lists, and has written books, but all are about getting ahead in business.

Yann Martel's little game with Harper was weird and unfocused, but he is bang on with his view that knowing what our leaders read tells us what they think and what they will do.

And, as Harry Truman, another U.S. president, once said:  
"Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers."

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## letters to the editor

### Give us a break

To the Editor,

I have just read the article about Council discussing short term cottage rentals. I am one of the 8,000 people in the seasonal residences category that make up the 10,000 population of Algonquin Highlands. We own our cottage and have to this point never rented it. That has been our choice as an owner of the property and we feel that should remain our choice – not something mandated by council.

After reading the article I do believe that the issues that are being brought forth of noise complaints etc. are not a rental issue but rather inconsideration for others' enjoyment. The article clearly states that one person had reported someone that he thought was a renter and it was actually the owner. Our cottage has been beside a neighbour who has rented for a number of

years and we only had one incident worth mentioning. From our standpoint we find the noise of fireworks which are easily purchased in our township very annoying and given water access properties and response times are almost impossible to police. I think council needs to work to police their current bylaws before they add in administration costs of licensing etc. If they do go this route will all dwellings be subject to such a form of taxation – i.e. any dwelling rented in the township? How will this affect lodges who rent cottages out for a week at a time? Let's not put everything on the backs of your seasonal residents – we already carry the brunt of the load of the school taxes and most recently policing costs – give us a break.

**Jamie Pritchard**  
Big Hawk Lake

## Minden Times nominated for general excellence

The *Minden Times* is in the top three for general excellence in its circulation category for the Ontario Community Newspaper Association Better Newspapers Competition. Columnist Jim Poling Sr. has also been nominated in the Columnist of the Year category.

The columnist category "recognizes quality of writing, subject matter, imagination

and display."

Placement of first, second and third in the categories will be revealed at a gala dinner on April 7.

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# Libraries could benefit from government contest

by JENN WATT  
Editor

Funding Internet connectivity at rural libraries could be just a click away.

The Ontario government opened voting online for 13 projects under eight focus areas. Whichever receives the most public support will be included in the 2017 provincial budget.

The province has committed to fund up to eight ideas within a \$3 million framework.

One of the ideas could have an impact on Haliburton County, says local library CEO Bessie Sullivan: a project asking for \$250,000 to fund digital service at rural, northern and indigenous libraries.

"Libraries offer innovative services like wi-fi hotspot lending programs to help people have access to education and library resources at home. Public libraries also provide crucial access to e-resources, e-learning and connectivity to their entire communities, yet many smaller libraries

cannot fully support access due to limitations in broadband and bandwidth," the application reads.

Sullivan says that if this project receives funding, it could help Haliburton County Public Library offset costs related to Internet connectivity.

"If we don't have to spend money on connectivity we can put more into other areas where we find ourselves behind," Sullivan said via email.

The Ontario Library Association, of which the local library is a part, made the application and is championing it.

Voting started on Feb. 2 and is open until Thursday, Feb. 23 at midnight. To vote, go to [Ontario.ca/BudgetTalks](http://Ontario.ca/BudgetTalks). Each person receives three votes. The library initiative is listed under "invest in community infrastructure projects."



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## Bowling scores

Monday, Feb. 6/17

### Men

High average Claude Cote 213  
High single Fred Phipps 312  
High single handicap Fred Phipps 375  
High triple Ken Thompson 729  
High triple handicap Ken Thompson 810

### Ladies

High average Chris Cote 184  
High single Norma Terro 202  
High single handicap June Fortune 268  
High triple Norma Terro 496  
High triple handicap June Fortune 688

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Feb 7

### Men

High Average Ken Thompson 206  
High Single Claude Cote 297  
High Single H/C Claude Cote 312  
High Triple Claude Cote 651  
High Triple H/C Tom Orr 770

### Women

High Average Chris Cote 192  
High Single Johanna Hayward 191  
High Single H/C Johanna Hayward 265  
High Triple Chris Cote 524  
High Triple H/C Mabel Clendenning 692

Friday Feb. 10

### Men

High average Claude Cote 201  
High single John Whitty 232  
High single handicap John Whitty 277  
High triple Claude Cote 582  
High triple handicap John Whitty 679

### Ladies

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High single Beverly Alexander 206  
High single handicap Beverly Alexander 258  
High triple Clara Vuksic 506  
High triple handicap Pat Marshall 688



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# Catch the Cure brings Minden together for three kids

Every day, Tecwyn and Tathan McCutcheon and Harper Tiffin face debilitating seizures, completely sleepless nights and challenges making their bodies move the way they want to or getting people to understand them. Their lives are filled with therapy appointments and speciality doctor visits hours out of town to combat the effects of Angelman Syndrome, the rare disorder they live with.

But their determination to live life fully is supported by friends and even strangers in their little village. Once a year, the town of Minden comes together to celebrate who the kids are, and where medical research to make their lives easier is going.

The fourth annual Catch the Cure event in Minden brings people of all ages together at the SG Nesbitt Arena on Feb. 18. The kids' parents – Bethan McCutcheon and Sue Tiffin – work throughout those long nights to bring the event together with the help of volunteers and local businesses, service clubs, sports teams and students.

"We first launched Catch the Cure to celebrate International Angelman Day in February alongside our friends in the AS community throughout the world," said Tiffin. "We definitely had no idea it would grow to be as large as it is, or as well-attended and beloved. That's a little intimidating, for sure, but we can't turn back now so we just energize each other, laugh a lot and make sure it happens each year."

The event is sponsored by the Minden Hills township, who helps to rent the space at the arena and community centre, and the Kinsmen Club of Minden, who have sponsored Catch the Cure since its launch in 2014. It includes face painting, a craft and

sensory table, a chili dinner, a bake sale, and a silent auction with almost 200 prizes, including autographed hockey jerseys, sports event tickets, hotel and wilderness trip vouchers and handcrafted wood furniture. The entire event is volunteer-run, and people with AS from throughout Ontario – including Bracebridge, Ottawa and Toronto – come to be part of it.

"I love how the kids in this town get pumped and excited and want to be part of this day," said McCutcheon. "They will take this into their adult lives, this feeling of doing and being part of something that will impact others and know how good that feels."

The town is invited to a public skate, which this year will be attended by Paralympian sledge hockey player Graeme Murray. The Minden Figure Skating Club performs a show, and Highland Storm players face off in a hockey game against local school teachers.

Outdoor activities include a snowman making contest, bonfire and maple taffy.

"We want Catch the Cure to be a town celebration," said McCutcheon. "A celebration of inclusion and a celebration that in this town we see each other – we hear each other and we stand with each other. And that's exactly what we feel when we're there."

"We look around during Catch the Cure and know our kids' future is in this room. That the kids in this town are their future community, and we see awesomeness."

Each year, the two moms try to add events and activities to Catch the Cure to help make it even more exciting for people attending. New this year, the township and Canadian Tire will work together to



Catch the Cure offers plenty of family fun, while supporting those with Angelman Syndrome.

light the Gull River blue – the colour of Angelman Syndrome awareness – the week of the event, and a town scavenger hunt will bring attention to the village the families appreciate so much.

"There is no town in the world that celebrates our kids or has an awareness of Angelman Syndrome like Minden," said Tiffin. "That inclusion extends outside of this event – in our school and in our community. We're very fortunate to live in a place where that sense of community still exists, and where people are cherished and can contribute."

The McCutcheon and Tiffin families have ensured that the event is open to all, with admittance by donation to allow all families to attend. To date, the event has raised more than \$44,000 for the Foundation for

Angelman Syndrome Therapeutics, a volunteer organization with therapies for AS in sight within the next few years.

"A fellow parent who is an American scientist close to the research told us last year that when a therapeutic is available to people with AS, Minden should be proud of their efforts and know they played a part in making it happen," said Tiffin. "That's exceptionally powerful. If we can all have a whole lot of fun celebrating each other at the same time, then we've really got it all."

Catch the Cure happens at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden on Feb. 18. Doors open at 1 p.m. The silent auction ends at 7:30. For further information, visit Catch the Cure 2017 on Facebook, or learn more about Angelman Syndrome at [CureAngelman.org](http://CureAngelman.org).

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# Guiding the next generation

*Claridges have dedicated decades to fostering children, many palliative and with special needs*

by JENN WATT  
Editor

Sylvia and George Claridge met Anthony just when they thought they were through with fostering children. They had moved up north, to their place nestled in the forests of Algonquin Highlands, and intended to retire, maybe do some travelling. They had been foster parents for nearly two decades and it seemed like the right time to settle into a slower pace.

The couple had spent their lives taking in children with disabilities and serious illness – many palliative – along with other short-term placements when they lived in Markham. George worked in sound mixing for TV and radio and Sylvia stayed home with the kids. Now that they were in the Highlands, they were being asked to help with one more case.

“They called a few times,” Sylvia recalls, cradling a cup of coffee in her hands as she sits with George in their cozy Highlands home. They exchange knowing glances and ready smiles as they remember their dilemma some 22 years ago.

The Catholic Children’s Aid Society said the boy was four years old and only drinking Ensure for sustenance. His body was shutting down, the Claridges were told.

“Anthony didn’t die. Life went on and he improved. He turned five,” Sylvia says.

So, they enrolled him at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden. It turned out that he was bright and a good reader.

Anthony has spinal muscular atrophy. It’s a disease that usually shortens the lifespan to early adolescence. Today, Anthony is 26, has a bachelor’s degree, lives in Ottawa and plays powerchair hockey with the league there. He is working on his master’s degree.

“He adopted us as his parents,” Sylvia says. “He’s a neat guy. He has George’s sense of humour.”

Anthony’s appearance in the Claridges’ lives spurred on another 15 years of fostering. Over the years, they have likely taken in a “couple hundred” children, some of them overnight, some of them for many months and others for years. The children, now grown adults, keep in touch and several of them consider George and Sylvia their parents.

It all started back in the mid-’70s.

“We had four children and our oldest was born in 1960 and the last was born in 1969. When he went to school ... I was going to go back to work,” Sylvia explains. “At that time in the *Toronto Star* they used to have pictures of children that were looking for adoptive homes. ... Our kids came upon this and said, Mom, this is the perfect job for you.”

Her four young ones, two boys and two girls, wanted Sylvia to be there when they came home for lunch. Sylvia had already done some volunteering at a day nursery for developmentally delayed children; it was an interest of hers.

They ended up taking in a two-year-old girl with Down Syndrome named Gigi.

“She was the only one we had for a long time,” Sylvia says. Gigi stayed with the Claridges for most of her life, with some periods when she lived in a group home. When they retired to the Highlands, Gigi was in a group home in Richmond Hill, which she wasn’t fond of, so they brought her north with them.

“Her health started to deteriorate quite a bit,” she says. “We decided in our wisdom to bring her up here.”



Sylvia and George Claridge have been foster parents for decades, starting when they lived in the city and continuing during their time in the Haliburton Highlands. They have provided care for children from all types of situations, including those with special needs and palliative children. JENN WATT Staff

Gigi lived in Extendicare until she was 43. When it was obvious that she was going to die, the Claridges brought her to their home.

Throughout the four decades with Gigi, many other children shared their lives with the Claridges.

“We started doing some relief for parents who had children who were disabled,” Sylvia says of the early days. “We ended up having palliative care and special needs children was our focus for foster care.”

Each time a new child with a different need came into their care, there would be training on how to navigate the particulars of that illness or disability. And the biological children learned a lot, too.

“They were very involved with every child we had. They learned a lot of empathy,” she says. “There’s a lot of things they learned that you cannot tell a child: you don’t pity someone who is disabled; they are the same as you, me or anyone else. ... Our kids learned that. Every one of them have a lot of compassion for people who are disabled.”

The most children they had in the house was five, but most of the time there were two foster kids at once.

While there were plenty of happy times, the nature of fostering is that sometimes the children are dealing with serious challenges – not only with their health, but also with their biological family or the social services they’ve encountered along the way. It has led to some behavioural issues amongst some kids and means foster parents need to be flexible and open to change.

And not too precious about material things.

“You have to be adaptable,” George says.

“You don’t get upset too much when someone smashes your table and breaks it,” Sylvia laughs. Or when a teenager learning to drive creams the side of your car. There have been a couple of those.

George mostly smiles and nods as Sylvia talks about the

foster children, but he was also in for the ride over the years, putting in hours with the kids.

A lesson he learned was that you have to find your own solutions to problems. There was one boy they were fostering in the later years in Haliburton County who was having a hard time controlling his anger.

George got the idea that maybe taking him for a run would do some good. So he grabbed his hand and together they ran as far as they could down the country road outside their home. When the boy got tired, they reduced to a jog and then to a walk until they had made it all the way around the country block.

“We would do that. He would settle down and start talking normally and looking around at things and commenting on where he was. He was really calm. I didn’t have to shout at him. I did that a number of times and it always worked,” George says. “After a while, the upset times got shorter. He’d be calm. We’d still go around the block [though].”

George says he has always held two principles when it came to foster children: “you’ve got to make them safe ... and you’ve got to make them feel they’re safe.”

And then there were the children who came to the couple at the end of their lives. Children’s aid would tell them not to get attached, but Sylvia says that was impossible.

“You realize that more and more everyone deserves to have someone who actually cares. If you’re holding them at arm’s length, you’re not caring,” Sylvia says. “I could never do that.”

Belief in God is the foundation onto which their lives’ work has been built, Sylvia says. They are members of St. Peter’s Church and “could not have done this without huge faith.”

Watching the paths the children’s lives have taken has been one of the rewards of fostering for the couple.

“It’s been a nice road,” Sylvia says.

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## MINOR HOCKEY

### Peewees sweep series, head to semi-finals

On Friday, Feb. 10, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre peewees headed to Ennismore to play in their first playoff game. Both teams came out wanting to set the tone early. The first period was a battle back and forth with the Eagles scoring with three seconds left in the first to put them ahead 1-0. The Storm struck in the second with Kolby McGovern scoring assisted by Nick Phippen and Kyan Hall. Then two minutes later the Storm put in another from Dylan Keefer assisted by Colin Glecoff and before Ennismore could regroup the Storm took advantage with another goal scored by Olivia Villamere assisted by Mathias Lee. The Eagles came right back eight seconds later to put one of their own in but the Storm finished out the second with one more goal scored by Keefer unassisted to put the Storm up 4-2 going into the third. The Eagles scored at the start of the third to bring them within one but the Storm netted another with Keefer scoring short handed and Ty Mills scoring an empty netter to seal the deal with the Storm winning 6-3. Another amazing job between the pipes from Darian Maddock.

The Eagles headed to Haliburton for Game 2 on Saturday. The Storm struck first with a goal by Keefer unassisted. Despite the Storm playing short handed multiple times the Storm retained the 1-0 lead going into the second in main part from the excellent goaltending from Maddock. The Eagles managed to score a power play goal to tie it up but the Storm scored two in the second short handed 20 seconds apart. Both goals scored by Keefer; the first unassisted and the second assisted by Villamere. The Eagles scored another at the end of the second to make the score 3-2 going into the third.

Both team battled back and forth but the Storm struck eight seconds into the power play with a goal by Hall assisted by Keefer. The Eagles tried everything they could but just couldn't net another with the Storm taking the game 4-2. Amazing goaltending by Maddock keeping his team in the game at all times.

On Sunday, the Storm headed back to Ennismore to play the Eagles to try to finish off the series with a sweep. The Eagles scored first on the power play but the Storm kept the pressure up and scored a power play goal of their own with Phippen putting it in assisted by Keefer and Hall. The Storm weren't done yet with Keefer scoring assisted by McGovern. Then on the power play the Storm struck once more with a goal by Hall assisted by Phippen putting the Storm up 3-1 going into the second. The Storm put in another power play goal scored by Hall assisted by Phippen and Mills. Then Gage Hutchinson scored another for the Storm assisted by McGovern the third period started with the Storm up 5-1. The Eagles were giving everything they had but the Storm were not giving them an inch. The Storm scored three more with a goal by Glecoff assisted by Phippen and Keefer and two more for Keefer one unassisted and the other assisted by Glecoff. The Storm sweep the series and move on to the semi finals versus the Penetang Flames. The peewees want to dedicate their series win to Hunter Winder and Gage Hutchinson who were both hurt in this series. Wishing you both a speedy recovery! Congratulations peewees!

*Submitted by Ron Hall*

### Hard work pays off for novice Storm

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice

team travelled to Fenelon Falls to face the Sturgeon Thunder in Game 2 of their playoff series. The Storm came out strong with fast skating and strong puck control, but unfortunately found themselves down by two goals late in the second period. With minutes remaining in the period, Caleb Manning got the Storm on the board and brought the team back to life for the third period. Solid defence and strong offensive pressure kept the Storm on the attack and Brechin Johnston netted two more goals late in the third giving the Storm a 3-2 win over the Thunder. Way to go, Storm, on a great team win! This put the team up 2-0 in the series.

Looking to finish of their series with the Sturgeon Thunder, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team hosted the Thunder on Sunday, Feb. 12. The Storm struck first in the early minutes of the game when McLean Rowden found the net putting the Storm up by one. The Thunder were not going to rollover and they too found the net tying the game at one. The Storm continued to apply strong pressure on both sides of the puck, resulting in a couple more goals for the Storm. The Thunder took advantage of some rebound opportunities and netted themselves a pair of goals, tying the game at three heading into the third period. The Storm were relentless in their puck control and forechecking stifling the scoring opportunities of the Thunder and opening the door for the Storm. With some hard fought puck battles, the Storm netted two goals in the third resulting in a 5-3 win for the Storm. Goals were scored by Brechin Johnston, Austin Latanville, and Josh Scheffee. Way to go team on an amazing playoff series. Excellent defence by Brady Burch, Evan Jones, Caleb Manning and Parker Simms and superb goal tending by Chase Winder sealed the deal. Congratulations to all players on another team win and for ad-

vancing to the semi-final round of the playoffs. Your hard work is paying off! The Storm will have to wait for their next match up to be announced. Thank you to our loyal fans for all your support.

*Submitted by Janice Scheffee*

### Midget B girls shut out Eagles

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls hosted the Ennismore Eagles on Saturday afternoon as they continued their provincial play downs. The Jets opened the scoring late in the first period when Jordan Brownlee chipped home a rebound off a puck scramble in the slot to give Bancroft a 1-0 lead. Numerous chances to widen the gap on the scoreboard were generated by Bancroft but the Eagle tender stoned and stole all the Jets' attempts at finding the twine. The Jets could not build on their first period lead until late in the third period when Jamie Little potted another rebound tally off a goal-mouth scramble to give Bancroft a 2-0 lead. Katie Hoover turned aside all Ennismore chances securing the shutout win. Strong finish, girls, in the needed win! Look to build on this effort as we host the West Northumberland Wild in Bancroft on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 4:30 p.m.

*Submitted by Dan Marsden*

### Tough game for atoms

On Feb. 11, The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atom travelled to Wasaga Beach for the third game of the playoffs against the Wasaga Beach Stars. The Storm played hard but lost 10-4. Goals scored by Austin Boylan Aiden Perrott and Avery Degreer.

*Submitted by Amber Card*

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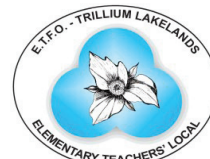
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**Design By Darby Bayly**

**A Celebration of International Angelman Day**  
**Saturday February 18th, 2017 1pm -8:30 pm**  
**S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena**  
**& Community Centre, Minden**

**This is your game card. Collect stamps from the businesses listed below on Feb. 18 and then bring your card to the Catch the Cure event to collect a prize and have fun!**

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# Notice

## THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

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### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT - NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Application FOR Minor Variance

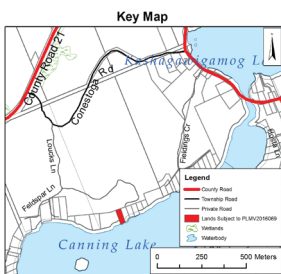
**Take Notice** that the Committee of Adjustment of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Public Hearing on:

**DATE:** Monday, February 27, 2017  
**TIME:** 9:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Municipal Council Chambers  
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

to consider minor variance applications **PLMV2016069**, **PLMV2017003**, and **PLMV2017007**. The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to consider the proposed Minor Variances to the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law pursuant to Section 45 of the Planning Act. The minor variance applications being considered are listed below:

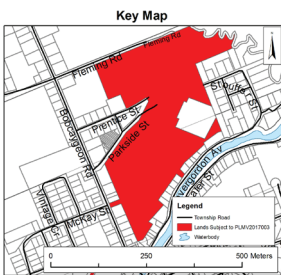
**PLMV2016069 (2nd Hearing)** - Part of Lot 17, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1211 Loucks Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit the reconstruction of the existing non-complying two storey Sleeping Cabin which is located at the High Water Mark with a larger and taller two storey Sleeping Cabin at the same location. The applicant seeks relief from the Zoning By-law to permit a 1 m. (3'4") increase in height allowing for a 5.55 m. (18'3") high accessory building whereas 4.5 m. is otherwise the maximum and no increase is permitted for a building within 15 m. of the High Water Mark; and, to permit an 18.3% increase (9.2 m<sup>2</sup> [98.6 sq.ft.]) to the existing 50.1 m<sup>2</sup> (539.6 sq.ft.) footprint whereas no increase would otherwise be permitted. As a result of the increased size, the Lot Coverage for accessory buildings and structures would amount to 5.7%, whereas 5% is otherwise required.



**PLMV2017003** - Part of Lot 4 & 5, Concession 'A', Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 55 Parkside Street; (see Key Map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit a demonstration farm as a permitted use. The proposed variance would facilitate a request to permit the raising of livestock for educational purposes which could consist of two (2) goats or one (1) heifer; one (1) pig; and, chickens at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.



**PLMV2017007** - Part of Lot 18, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Minden; municipally known as 1025 Canfield Lane; and located on Canning Lake (see key map).

**Purpose and Effect of the Application:** To permit a change in use of the existing, non-conforming, boathouse to that of a recreational room.



**Have Your Say:** Input on the above noted applications is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Township. If you do not attend the public meeting, it may proceed in your absence and, except as otherwise provided in The Planning Act, you will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

**Written Submission:** To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision, please contact the undersigned or e-mail [iclending@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclending@mindenhills.ca). If you do not make a written submission prior to a decision, nor make an oral submission at the Public Hearing, and subsequently submit an appeal of the decision, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

**More information:** Additional information regarding these applications will be available for public inspection until noon on the day of the hearing at the Township of Minden Hills Building and Planning Department during normal office hours, and online at [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca).

For more information about this matter contact [iclending@mindenhills.ca](mailto:iclending@mindenhills.ca).

**Dated** this 16th day of February, 2017.

Ian Clendening, MPl.

Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment

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# Snowball this weekend

## DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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The 27th annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival is on this weekend! Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17 and 18 with tons of fun family oriented indoor and outdoor winter activities for all ages! Visit [www.dorsetsnowball.com](http://www.dorsetsnowball.com) for the schedule of activities or watch for the flyer coming in the mail to you.

The cardboard toboggan race is on again this year at the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival. The rules are very simple; make your own toboggan out of cardboard and tape. Sleds must pass inspection to be allowed on the hill – acceptable materials are cardboard and tape and that's it. No hardware, wood, plastic, metal, screws, piping, sharp or pointed objects are allowed. You may not use tar based substances, epoxy glue, fibre glass resin, two part varnish or any other substance or glue that may be deemed dangerous or leave hazardous material on the hill. Sleds may be decorated with paint, pictures, and flags etc. as long as they do not include restricted materials. Costumes are allowed and encouraged. All ages are welcome! Anyone can enter – individuals, teams and groups – the more the merrier! Advance registration is required and the race starts at 12 p.m. on Saturday. Make your toboggan at home and bring it to the toboggan hill behind the fire hall. There are trophies for best decorated, fastest, and furthest distance in four categories; ages six and under, ages seven to 11, ages 12+ and team entries and the OPP will be in attendance with their radar gun. Forms are available at the Snowball website or at the rec centre. A \$3 Snowball button is required to enter. For more information, please visit [www.dorsetsnowball.com](http://www.dorsetsnowball.com) or give the Dorset Rec Centre a call at 705-766-9968.

Other fun things to do Family Day Weekend:

on Monday, Feb. 20 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. head on over to the Baysville arena for the 5th Annual Winterfest. Check out "Baysville Winterfest" on Facebook for a schedule of activities.

The Dorset Community Health Hub welcomes a community services outreach worker. The District Municipality of Muskoka Community Services Division offers programs, supports, and services to the community at the Dorset Community Health Hub. Community Services aims to reduce poverty, support the development of a healthy community, and encourage self-sufficiency and well-being of community members. The Community Outreach Worker, Whitney Magill Clark, will work in collaboration with community partners in Dorset to assist residents in location and utilizing community resources, and to ensure that the following services are more readily accessible locally: direct contact with the District for Ontario Works, ODSP, etc. (Social Assistance, Financial Subsidies), help with other financial needs, such as utility costs, linkage with housing supports, linkage to employment services, linkage to medical, dental, and mental health services, provide information on available transportation services, seniors programs and services (i.e. Wise Clubhouses, connection with Seniors Community Advisor, NIA Programs, etc.), literacy assistance (including assistance with application forms), Fresh Food Basket Program, Community Kitchen and Share Meal Programs, linkage to pre and post-natal program and supports, Child Care Programs and Services, two-way communication: share information with the District, and bring District supports to the community. For more information, contact Whitney at [whitney.magill@muskoka.on.ca](mailto:whitney.magill@muskoka.on.ca) or 705-706-5498.

Happy Birthday to Esther Fortney, Kyle Jones, Sarina McKey, Lisa and Lindsey Dunn, Jordyn Nash, Sky Boughen and Happy 25th Anniversary to Sandy and Chris Davis. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to [malfano@hotmail.ca](mailto:malfano@hotmail.ca)

## SNOWSHOEING!

Friday February 3rd : **INTRO TO SNOWSHOEING!**

**11:00am-12:00pm**

Meet at Scout Hall parking lot (behind the arena). No fee

Friday February 10th: **HIKE SNOWDON PARK!**

**11:00am**

Meet in the parking lot (off County Rd #1). No fee

Friday February 17th : **INTRO TO SNOWSHOEING!**

**11:00am-12:00pm**

Meet at Scout Hall parking lot (behind the arena). No fee



*Please note: All snowshoeing programs are dependent on the weather and snow conditions. Snowshoes and walking poles will be available. To register contact Elisha at 705-286-2298 or [eweiss@minden hills.ca](mailto:eweiss@minden hills.ca)*

## Winterfest

In Minden Hills

### SATURDAY FEBRUARY 18th

#### WINTERY STORYTIME AND CRAFT

Minden Library

Come with your family to listen to some winter themed stories and then participate in a craft! No cost!

2:00pm-3:00pm

#### "CATCH THE CURE" FUNDRAISER

SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena and Community Centre

Hockey game, figure skating exhibition, public skate, chili dinner, silent auction, face painting, craft table, outdoor games, scavenger hunt and more. Participation by donation.

Check out : [CatchTheCure.ca](http://CatchTheCure.ca) or [Catch the Cure 2017 on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CatchTheCure2017) for more info.

1:00pm-8:30pm

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19th

#### SHINNY (ages 8-12)

SG Nesbitt Arena

All participants must wear proper gear. Cost \$2

10:00am-11:00am

#### SHINNY (KIDS VS ADULTS)

SG Nesbitt Arena

All participants must wear proper gear. Cost \$2

11:00am-12:00pm

#### ICE CAR RACING

Sponsored by the Kinsmen Club of Minden

Fairgrounds

12:00pm

#### PUBLIC SKATING

SG Nesbitt Arena

Cost \$2

12:00pm-2:00pm

#### TRY CURLING!

Hosted by the Minden Curling Club

Equipment is provided, all you need to bring is clean indoor shoes. No cost!

2:00pm-4:00pm

#### FIRE & ICE

Cultural Centre

An evening of tasty food prepared by local restaurants, music, bonfire, outdoor activities (with prizes) and best of all a scotch, beer and wine tasting! Come dressed to be outside for a portion of the evening. This is an adult only event and tickets are \$25. Contact the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 705-286-3763 for more information

7:00pm-9:00pm

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 20th

#### PUBLIC SKATING

SG Nesbitt Arena

No cost! (today only)

2:00pm-4:00pm





# Trek to Iceland harkens back to area's past

## AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse we are most impressed by the manner in which our Prime Minister Justin Trudeau represented Canada and Canadians during his meeting with the unpredictable U.S. President Trump. This was not an easy task and Trudeau handled it well. On another international stage we are following the adventures of granddaughter (I don't know why that word has two "d's" in it) Emma who is in Germany for the Berlin Film Festival. She flew on WOW, an

Icelandic low budget airline with no frills in the way of food, drink or comfort accessories, and a brief stopover in Reykjavik the capital of Iceland. This was of particular interest to us due to the historic connection between Kinmount and that country. If you have never visited the Icelandic Memorial adjacent to the Kinmount Railway Station add that to your "bucket list." It is both beautiful and moving with its portrayal of those brave souls embarking on a journey to a new land on Sept. 10, 1874. I am sure that Emma's WOW experience was sheer luxury compared to that crossing.

Now to speak of another beloved granddaughter. Words cannot express our sadness on learning of the unexpected passing of Kinmount residents Ria and Bob

Groot's granddaughter Amanda. Visitors to the pioneer exhibit at the fair and diners at the Kinmount United Church diners will remember Amanda and her sister Carla with their ever cheerful willingness to be of assistance. Both completed their postsecondary education in Pennsylvania and after marriage continued to live in the Philadelphia area. This afternoon by the miracle of technology we can witness the celebration of Amanda's young life from Bryn Athyn Cathedral overlooking the picturesque Pennypack Creek in the borough of Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania. Generally I

have little interest or patience with social media sites but when the Internet can allow us to reach out across miles to support our dear friends at this difficult time it is indeed a blessing.

There will be a Family Day Lunch on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the Kinmount Community Centre from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a menu available of hamburgers, hot dogs, chili and beverages all at reasonable prices. While there drop downstairs into the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace and

see WINTERFEST page 18

## Event





Local women  
and children  
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**Every dollar you give will be DOUBLED!**

When you support YWCA services in Haliburton County between February 12<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, your donation will be matched dollar for dollar by local couple Susan and Keith Hay (up to \$10,000).

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March 4th, 2017

5:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Pinestone Resort Ballroom  
Haliburton, Ontario



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100.9 Canoe FM  
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Is now recruiting on air volunteers  
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# Winterfest to offer family fun

from page 17

say hello to guild member and weaver Janis our volunteer on duty. The marketplace is now open Fridays through Sundays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weather permitting.

Kinmount's annual Winterfest with its theme "Canada 150" will kick off with a free Family Snowflake Ball sponsored by the Kinmount Community Centre Management Board at the Centre on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. The snack bar will be open by donation. Then get an early, nutritious start on Sunday, Feb. 26 with a pancake breakfast at the Community Centre served from 8:30 to 11

a.m. complete with a country raffle. Ready for action head off to the arena and fairgrounds for a day of family fun from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be horse drawn sleigh rides, a downhill dash on decorated toboggans, children's games, broomball, antique snowmobile exhibit, snack bar and much more. Be sure to give some thought as well to entering the Crazy Canadian Headgear Contest.

For a great dining experience before the Snowflake Ball on Saturday, Feb. 25 St. James Anglican Church on Crego Street, Kinmount will be hosting a ham and scalloped potatoes dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with cost by donation. Then on Shrove Tuesday Feb. 28 the church will hold a second event serving a pancake supper from 5 to 7 p.m. with entry by donation.

Well here it is Valentine's Day and midpoint through February. Do keep busy and well. they go together...

# County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Feb. 6 contract bridge at Stanhope: The high scoring quartet members were Peter Gardiner 5,350, Ross Davies 5,230, Willie Cox 5,160 and Carol Bowker 4,400 with Ewa Markowski awarded the Lucky Loonie.

Feb. 7 contract bridge at Minden United Church: In spite of dire weather warnings Nancy Ballantyne reports that bridge started at 9 a.m. with Julie Gray leading at 4,219 then Anne Nickson 4,040 and David Gray 3,930.

Feb. 7 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to Joan Bell and Ray Lymer at 347 then Kaye see page 20

## Notice

**kawartha CREDIT UNION**  
65<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday March 22, 2017**

Showplace Performance Centre  
290 George Street North  
Peterborough, Ontario  
Registration 6:00 p.m. | Meeting 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to receive the Annual Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors; to elect four Directors for the 2017-2020 term, and to transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. Members will also consider and, if thought appropriate, approve by special resolution an amendment to the Credit Union's articles of amalgamation changing the Credit Union's head office address to 14 Hunter Street East, Peterborough, Ontario K9J 7B2. The full resolution is available on Kawartha Credit Union's website ([www.kawarthacu.com](http://www.kawarthacu.com)) and in their branches.

**Note:** Copies of the financial statements and reports will be available on Kawartha's website and in their branches 10 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Dated at Peterborough this 15th day of February, 2017

*Paul Ayotte*

Paul Ayotte, Corporate Secretary

**Board of Directors Election / Special Resolution Vote**  
Vote online at [kawarthacu.com](http://kawarthacu.com) from February 17 to March 3 or at our Annual General Meeting on March 22, 2017

## Events

**Gord Kidd & Friends**  
featuring  
**Scott Russell**



*Minden Legion  
Sat. Feb. 18th 4-7  
Great food  
and tunes!  
No cover charge!*

## UPCOMING

# Community Events

### Try Your Hand at Stained Glass

With Nel Van Der Griet and Joan Wilson  
When: Saturday, Feb. 18th, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Where: 130 Industrial Park Road, Unit 5, Haliburton  
Discover the basics of stained glass as you cut, grind, wrap and solder your way through a small project.  
The cost of \$25 or pay-what-you-can. Includes materials.  
All proceeds go to the Studio.  
Space is limited, so Register now: phone Nel at 705 457 3068 or email: [info@openartsstudio.ca](mailto:info@openartsstudio.ca)  
Facebook: Visible Voices Open Arts Studio

### Polar Bear Challenge

Sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club  
When: Sat. February 18, 2017 Haliburton Frost Festival  
Where: Head Lake Park, Polar Dip Venue  
Registration: 10:00 - 12:00, Event Starts: 1:00 pm

Pledge forms available at : Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, Todds Independent Grocers and West Guilford Shopping Centre or on the website: [www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburton/index.php](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburton/index.php)  
All proceeds to SickKids Music Therapy Program or Haliburton Hospital Health Services Foundation

### Kinmount Winter Fest

Sat. Feb. 25, 6:30 - 9pm. Free Family Snowflake Ball. Come dressed in your finest!  
Kinmount Community Centre. Snack Bar by Donation  
Sunday, Feb. 26, 8:30 - 11am Pancake Breakfast.  
Kinmount Community Centre  
Free Family fun, 11 am - 3 pm. Kinmount Arena & Fairgrounds. Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides, Cardboard Toboggan Race, Games, Bonfire, Skating and more  
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## CALLING ALL SNOWMOBILERS:

## We Need Your Help!

Do you want to share your passion for snowmobiling while contributing to scientific research?  
If so, The University of Guelph is looking for individuals to participate in a Snowmobile Study.



This health study will require participants (aged 18-64) to ride a 20 min trail on private property and have fitness testing done in the on-site research lab.

This health study will take about **an hour and a half**.  
If interested, please contact **Andy Chvedukas**:  
[drew.chvedukas@hotmail.com](mailto:drew.chvedukas@hotmail.com)  
or text (705) 754.5750  
Andy will provide a link to sign up for a time that suits your schedule.



The testing will be at the **Haliburton Forest property**.  
Testing dates are:  
**February 11th & 12th**  
**February 18th to 22nd.**  
*What do you need:*  
Your suit, boots and gloves  
-The helmet and snowmobile will be provided.

*The researchers will be emailing all the info!*  
If you have any questions or concerns, please contact student investigator **Tania Pereira** by email [tperei01@uoguelph.ca](mailto:tperei01@uoguelph.ca).





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Monday, January 20, 1997



**HEADING FOR HOME:** Scott Pirmann of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania rounds the corner and heads for home during the first day of racing at the Thirteenth annual Minden Sled Dog Derby. Scott placed twentieth among the more than 40 entries in the eight dog class. For more details see story below and photos on pages 4 and 5.

## Provincial announcements

# Changes touch all aspects

by Andrew Milne

Sweeping changes to virtually all aspects of local government announced this week by the province have left most local stakeholders apprehensive, and a few hopeful. Nearly all are unprepared to speculate as yet on the eventual effects.

Answering a question with respect to the implementation of the amalgamation of school boards, Haliburton County board chair Cheryl Murdoch could have been speaking for almost any of her colleagues in offices and boardrooms around the county.

Said Murdoch, "The answer is, we don't know. And the province doesn't know. Quite probably, no one knows. We asked a lot of questions, and the answer to most of them was 'we don't know'."

The province is describing this as an exercise in disentanglement, in which services provided by overlapping jurisdictions (provincial or municipal) are divided up between the two. Critics are charging the province is divesting itself

(more on page 4)

## Even the thermometer sets chill mark

# Records fall at Sled Dog Derby

A record number of teams battled record cold temperatures this past weekend as thousands of spectators flocked to Minden for the annual Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby.

Despite the bone chilling conditions, they came in droves to watch the best sprint class mushers in North American compete...and they weren't disappointed.

Perennial champions and past Minden winners Terri Killam of Northboro, Massachusetts and Lou Serre of Markstay, Ontario captured the eight and four dog titles respectively. And in doing so they both set course records.

Killam completed the eight dog course, a distance of eight miles, in 51:44.96

minutes. She was able to shave almost a minute off her Saturday time of 26:14.26 minutes with a Sunday run of 25:30.70 minutes to claim the title.

Serre ended the two days of racing, four miles each day, with a combined total of 30:27.67 minutes. His Saturday time was 15:18.99 compared with 15:08.68 on Sunday.

Serre also competed in the eight dog event placing third with a time of 53:43.24 minutes.

Killam's win was a decisive victory, with the second place team of Real Turmel of St. Augustin, Quebec some two and a half minutes behind her total. He ran the distance in 54:05.25. Fourth place went to John Samburg of Paul Smiths,

New York with a time of 55:06.41 while Lionel Petit of Gatineau, Quebec was fifth at 55:57.81.

Second place in the four dog competition went to Clint Schiafone of Oak Ridges with a time of 31:35.37. Third was Gary Callaghan of Madison, Ontario at 31:40.21. Shirley Wolf of Gaylord Michigan placed forth with a time of 31:51.47 while Dawn Simmerman was fifth at 32:09.25.

For their efforts, the top 20 mushers in each division took home over \$25,000 in prize money and important points which count toward the International Sled Dog Racing Association's North American championships.

The mushers seemed

pleased with the new course which was introduced this year. It eliminated some of the more challenging hills but also introduced several tricky turns which required adroit sled handling and team control.

Race Governor Val Lougheed was delighted with the turnout of both mushers and spectators. "With close to 80 teams competing, we continued to be the premier event in sprint class sled dog racing," she said after the event. "After thirteen years, the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge has developed a reputation for a challenging course, good organization and community involvement. I would say that, after this year's derby, our reputation is safe."

Lougheed also had praise

for the thousands of spectators, many of whom had travelled hundreds of miles to take in the two days of racing. "If the racers were in top form, our many visitors who braved record-breaking temperatures, demonstrated an endurance and enthusiasm that I found exceptional."

This was the thirteenth edition of the Minden Techni-Cal Challenge Sled Dog Derby. The event is sponsored by Martin Pet Foods of Elmira.

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Bull partnered with George Hamilton 275. In third spot were Bev Alexander and Connie Sawyer 215 while the afternoon's low score of 190 was posted by our reporter Pearl Cowen partnered with Cathy Thomas.

Feb. 7 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: A small group braved the weather warnings with Jesse Barlow high for the ladies at 230 and Tom Grix leading the gents at 358. Tom also won the major draw with Marg Oetelaar, Marcel Roussel and Dwaine Lloyd claiming the smaller prizes. Thanks to Betty Wagar for this news.

Feb. 8 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell the honours went to Reet Murray and Frank Schlotter 62 percent and Kathie Porter partnered with Liv Andersen 59 percent.

Feb. 9 euchre at Minden Legion: Tom Grix reports that Irene McDowell and Tom Orr held the most lone hands with Donna Darby and Harold Harvie recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Theresa Deak and Brian Haslam while Doug McIntosh, Tom Orr, Eileen Gough and Muriel McIntosh took home the other prizes.

Feb. 9 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Diane Wigley 256, Pat Roussel 251, Pat Norman 245 and Muriel McIntosh 223. First for the gents at 250 was Ida Young followed by Dana Briscoe 240, Neil Darby 223 and Kevin Maloney 210. Donna Darby held the hidden score, Pat Roussel took call 1 and Yves Lamoureux the card draw, Yves also had a moonshot along with Betty Wagar and our reporter Bev Johnson.

Feb. 10 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: First at 60 percent were Reet Murray and Rod Smyth with a

tie for second spot between Irena and Alek Zworski and Willie and Jack Cox both at 58 percent. Thanks to our bridge reporter Muriel McIntosh for her three sets of results.

Feb. 10 euchre at Staunworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Shirley Howe, for lone hands Murray Simmons, for low hands Bev Johnson and for the special prize Myrna Bronson.

Feb. 13 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Leading with the high scores were Frank Franzen 315, Pauline Franzen 274 and Sam Gaudet 238 with our reporter Rose Isaacson the draw winner.

Feb. 13 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Sherin brown, for lone hands Jean Randell, for low hands Peter O'Reilly and for the special prize Bev Johnson.

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### In Loving Memory of Douglas "Doug" Allen Ray

Passed away peacefully at home with his loving family by his side on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, after a courageous 41/2 year journey against cancer.

Doug is survived by his wife and the love of his life Linda. Loving Dad to Shawna, Debbie (Carlin), Kaily, Jeff (Marilyn), Kevin (Lauren), Ando (woof!) and grandpa to Willow. Son of the late Isabel and Jim Ray, step-son of the late Richard Parisotto, son-in-law of Margaret and the late Peter Schepers, and John Heginbottom. Dear brother of Ruth (Glen) and Patricia (Patrick). Lovingly held in the hearts of his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 11:30 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Doug's Life at 2:30 pm. A Reception will follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #636, 12847 Hwy.#35, Minden, Ontario. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, Palliative Care Centre (HHHSF-PCC) would be appreciated by the family.



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### In Loving Memory of Robert "Bob" Jack Wiltshire

(Veteran of WWII RCAF, Retired Employee of GMAC, Member of Royal Canadian Legion Branch# 636, Minden, and Member of the Arcadia Lodge, Minden)

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest, Minden on Monday, February 6, 2017, with his loving family by his side. At the age of 91.

Beloved husband of Mildred Joyce Wiltshire (nee MacDonald) for 66 years. Loving father of Gary (Wendy), Tom (Melissa Caines), Wendy and grandfather of Jaclynn, Kellen and Shelby. Bob is predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law Alyce and Andy Murdison. Dear brother-in-law of Mary and Cameron McBain. Fondly remembered by his nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to join the family at the Zion United Church, East Road, Carnarvon on Saturday, February 18, 2017 for a Combined Masonic and Memorial Service to Celebrate Bob's Life at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the Education Centre at the church. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Zion United Church would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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**IN TOWN****Haliburton Home \$289,000**

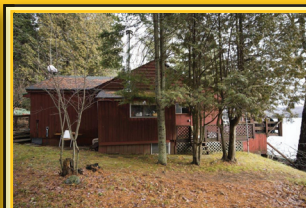
- 3 + 1 bedroom, 2 washrooms
- In town home on over 4 acres
- Full Finished lower level w/ walkout

**36 ACRES****Ridgeview Road \$199,000**

- Large acreage featuring panoramic views of Haliburton village! Build your private estate or develop!

**HOME OR COTTAGE****Halls Lake \$149,000**

- Discount price, public access just steps away
- 3 Bedrooms, 1 bath, affordable lakeside living!

**MAPLE LAKE****Maple Lake \$249,000**

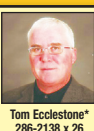
- Cozy 2 bedroom starter cottage w/ sunroom
- Large lake view, right on the water's edge
- Fix it up & have an ideal waterfront cottage

**SOLD OUT 2016****Kennisis Lake Office**

- Want to see your property here
- Call for free confidential MVA
- Let 24 years of experience help you

**STARTER/RETIREMENT HOME****Haliburton Home \$219,900**

- 80 Ft. Rd Fmt, 23 Acres, 1850 Sq Ft
- 3 Bdm, Den, 1.5 Bath & Sunroom
- Walk to town amenities/park/events etc.

**NEW LISTING****Minden Live Bait & Tackle**

- Established recreational/sporting goods business
- Turnkey operation, attractive leasing terms
- Contact Tom Ecclestone for further details

**CLUB 35****Club 35 \$150,000**

- 1800 square feet with C.F. zoning
- Community Facility potential
- Change of use will require re-zoning

**AMAZING RETREAT****Kennisis Lake \$1,920,000**

- 8 bedrooms, 6 baths, on 1.89 acres
- Large decks, 3 levels of living space
- 290 ft of clean shoreline on a point lot

**NEW LISTING****In Town Commercial \$299,000**

- Clean & tidy 3000 Sq. Ft. building
- Fully Finished, currently used as a church
- Ideal for a studio, retail or offices!

**VACANT LOT****Gull River \$99,900**

- Almost 400 ft of frontage, 3 lake chain
- Just off year round road, 15 mins to Haliburton

**BUILDING LOT****South Lake Building Lot \$269,000**

- Features quiet dead end road & sandy shoreline
- Also includes hydro right at the lot & a septic

**SOLD OUT****Sold Out In 2016**

- List now to ensure your spot in the 2017 Cottage Life Show.

**HWY EXP****Haliburton Office \$224,900**

- 6 offices, 2 washrooms, a board room, kitchen
- Easy access, good parking, accessible building

**23 ACRES****Family Home \$235,000**

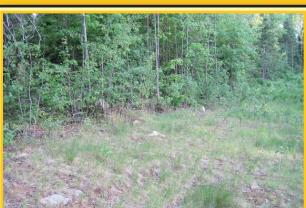
- 3 bdrms, 2 baths, Den & Children's playroom
- Private and close to Haliburton Village
- Plus Propane Furnace, Woodstove & Fireplace

**NEW LISTING****Unique Estate \$322,500**

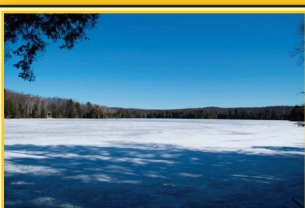
- Brick & cedar home, 4+ bedrooms, 4 baths
- Updated Gourmet Kitchen, in ground pool
- Great Vista, Double Car Garage & Workshop

**JUST LISTED****Beautiful & Private Home**

- Gorgeous log home on 8 acres
- Pond & oversized double garage
- Minutes from Downtown Minden!

**NEW LISTING****Hadlington Rd \$49,900**

- 17 acres on a year round road
- Joining 100's of acres of crown land

**BUILDING LOT****West Lk Starting at \$239,900**

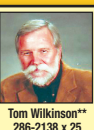
- Prime building lots, private w/ Algonquin Park-like surroundings, 2 Lovely lots available on year round road to build your dream home or cottage!

**5 LAKE CHAIN****Soyers Lake Home \$699,000**

- 4 bdrm home w/ lovely view down lake
- Sand beach, southern exp., deep off dock
- One of our finest lakes on 5 lake chain!

**VACANT LOT****Little Bob Lake \$134,900**

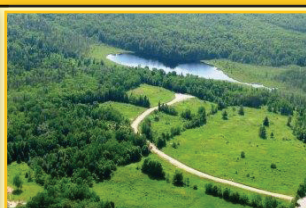
- Prime Waterfront Lot on Year Round Road
- Gently sloping, Hydro and Telephone @ Lot Line

**SOUTH LAKE****Waterfront Condo \$639,000**

- 4 bedroom, 3 baths, Close to Minden
- Upgraded throughout incl. granite counters
- Main floor master, fireplace, Haliburton room

**QUALITY HOME****Kinmount Home \$280,000**

- 1600 SF home, completely renovated
- Beautiful decks and a screened-in room
- Private lot with lawns and gardens

**BUILDING LOTS****Gainforth Starting at \$40,000**

- Executive estate neighborhood; Large lots
- 42 acres of shared parkland & a pond
- A quiet country setting with south exp



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